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TODAY'S WEATHER: Fresh South winds strong at times at first. Weather changes to with squally showers but a temporary improvement this afternoon.
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Nationalists Pour Out Of Hankow Going South RED DRIVE ON S'HA1

Canton, May 11.—Nationalist reinforcements were reported to be streaming into the Nanchang area on Tuesday night from Hankow, big central China base 160 air miles to the Northeast.

Reliable reports in Canton said these forces were being moved down the Yangtze to Kiukiang. From there they were taking trains South to Nanchang, important city guarding the railway to South China.

In Hankow, General Pai Chung-hsi, Central China Commander, advised consular officials on Tuesday to remove their nationals from the city. Few remain.

Gen. Pai's warning said, "there may be heavy shelling and loss of life" in Hankow. This is one of several pronouncements lately that Hankow would be defended. None of these statements was being taken seriously in Canton in view of the Communist threat of encirclement.

By accounts reaching Canton, the bulk of Gen. Pai's 200,000 man force already has been withdrawn. That would leave eight divisions (possibly 40,000 men) to cover the movement.

There were other reports that the Communists, swinging down deep into South China, were only ten miles east of Nanchang. To the north of Nanchang, other Communist forces were said to be within ten miles of the railway over which the Nationalist troops are withdrawing from Hankow.

Either movement, if confirmed, is full of menace for Gen. Pai's armies. Nanchang's fall would open the way for a push on Changsha, about 160 miles farther west. It is expected to set up his new headquarters.

Red seizure of a segment of the railway would halt the Nationalist movement from Hankow to Nanchang—Associated Press.

SHANGHAI ASSAULT
Shanghai, May 10.—Powerful Communist forces estimated at 200,000 men renewed their drive on Shanghai today while other Communist columns reportedly forced the start of the Nationalist withdrawal from Hankow in Central China.

Press reports said that General Pai Chung-hsi, commander of the Hankow garrison, had started to move his 300,000 troops southward toward Canton to avoid being trapped by the Communists.

The renewed Communist drive on Shanghai's approaches started last night and was reported to be still raging furiously 12 hours later. The Communists were reported to be hitting hardest at Kaitung, only 25 miles northwest of Shanghai, and Kunshan, 30 miles west.

SELF-DEFENCE CORPS

At Kaitung, the Communists were only 15 miles west of Wusong forts guarding the Whangpoo River, Shanghai's only outlet to the sea. The military authorities ordered the Shanghai population to prepare for a state of siege by laying in emergency food supplies sufficient for several months. The city police were placed on a wartime footing.

Foreign residents in several big downtown houses began organizing self-defence corps to protect themselves against rioting and looting.—United Press.

HONGKONG HOTEL APPEAL

Fix End Of
Blockade

Against Conviction On Charges Of False Return

COUNSEL'S CRITICISM

On the grounds that the decision was in point of fact erroneous and that there was no evidence on which the Magistrate could properly convict or make the order which he did, the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., Mr. F. C. Barry (Managing Director) and Mr. J. H. Ehrlich (then Manager of the Hongkong Hotel) brought an appeal before the Full Court this morning against their conviction by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central Court on February 10 on summonses alleging that they had made a false return to the Competent Authority under the Price Control (Hotel Services) Regulations, 1946.

The Full Court comprised the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, and Mr. Justice Williams (Puisne Judge).

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, finding all defendants (the present appellants) guilty of the offence, had imposed fines of \$1,000 on the Hotel and on Barry and a fine of \$500 on Ehrlich. His finding was contained in a lengthy written judgment.

The summons on which the appellants were found guilty alleged that in answer to a request made by the Competent Authority (at the time Mr. P. G. Barry, now Lord) on June 14, 1948, the Hongkong Hotel furnished information which the Competent Authority had reasonable cause to believe was false in a material particular.

Appearing on behalf of the appellants this morning were Mr. Eldon Potter, KC, and Mr. H. G. Sheldon, KC, both instructed by Mr. R. A. Wadsworth (Deacons). The respondents (the Crown) were represented by Mr. A. Hooton (Crown Counsel).

Mr. J. Moore, ASP, who assisted Crown Counsel at the Police Court prosecution, was present.

Costello Demands End Of "British Occupation" In Northern Ireland

Dublin, May 10.—Premier John A. Costello of Ireland moved a resolution in the Dail (Irish Parliament) today calling upon Britain "to end the present occupation" of Northern Ireland.

The resolution recorded an "indignant protest" against the introduction in the British House of Commons of the Ireland Bill, which guarantees Northern Ireland's present status.

It described the British bill, which comes up for its second reading in the House of Commons this week, as "purporting to endorse and continue the existing partition of Ireland."

The resolution called on the British Government "to end the present partition of our six north-eastern counties and thereby enable the unity of Ireland to be restored and age-long differences between the two nations brought to an end."

Moving the resolution Mr. Costello said that the British bill gave "full British backing to the partition of Ireland."

S'pore Electoral Apathy

London, May 10.—Mr. Philip Piratin, Communist, asked the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, in Parliament today if he knew that in Singapore out of a population of 680,000 only 8,088 people were qualified to vote in the municipal elections.

He further asked how many were disqualified because of the property qualifications and urged the Minister to remove these restrictions.

Mr. Creech Jones replied that the figure of 8,088 was of people who had registered as voters and not the total of those qualified. He did not know the number who were disqualified. The property qualification was the subject of a Bill now being considered by the Legislative Council of Singapore, he added.—Reuter.

Pole On Eight Spying - Charges

Manchester, May 10.—Maxim Kacmarek, a Pole who was today committed for trial at the next Manchester Assizes on eight charges under the Official Secrets Act, was alleged to have asked another Pole, Zygmunt Balusz, to find out if atomic bombs were being brought to Britain from the United States. Kacmarek was accused of obtaining information likely to be useful to an enemy and of inducing another person to obtain such information.

The Prosecutor alleged that an Assistant Military Attaché at the Polish Embassy in London, Major Kojdy, had paid Kacmarek to act as a spy in the Lancashire area, where United States Superfortresses have been based.—Reuter.

STREET HOLD-UP

Paris, May 10.—Two armed bandits clubbed and robbed a 76-year-old cashier in a crowded street in the East End of Paris today and fled in a stolen car with a helmet containing 400,000 francs (about \$500).—Reuter.

Princess Margaret Received By Pope

GREETINGS SENT TO ROYAL FAMILY

Rome, May 10.—Pope Pius XII today sent his greetings to the British Royal Family and his hopes for the improved health of King George when he received Princess Margaret for a 20-minute audience. The King is suffering from circulation trouble.

The Princess wore the traditional long black dress with long sleeves, black gloves and a black veil at the audience. A Vatican communique issued afterwards said: "The Holy Father had a pleasant talk with the Princess."

The audience, which took place in the Pope's private library, was described by British officials as a "semi-official visit" in keeping with the private character of the Princess's visit to Italy. They said that she was being received with a ceremony in accordance with her rank and at her own request no newspapermen would be admitted to the Vatican.

Earlier, Princess Margaret had lunch with the Italian President, Signor Luigi Einaudi, at the Quirinale, the former Italian Royal Palace, and now the President's residence. This morning she visited the Capitol, the sacred hill from which the legendary geese cackled to save Rome—now the centre of Roman civic life and seat of museums showing classical sculpture and painting.—Reuter.

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United States Ambassador - at - Large Philip C. Jessup (second from right) and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Jakob A. Malik (second from left) shake hands as Britain's Sir Alexander Cadogan (left) and Jean Chauvel of France watch at the conclusion of a conference in New York. The four met tomorrow as the date for the lifting of the Berlin blockade, and May 23 for a Council of Foreign Ministers meeting. AP Picture.

West Berliners' Ultimatum To "City Soviet"

Berlin, May 10.—The West Berlin City authorities will refuse to negotiate with the East Berlin authorities on any subject, regardless of the ending of the blockade, at one minute past midnight on Thursday morning, Dr. Otto Suhr, Chairman of the Western City Assembly, declared tonight.

To do so would imply recognition of "an illegal body," he told a press conference here.

"Berlin" can only be reunited if the "City Soviet" (The Eastern Assembly) resigns unconditionally," he declared.

Dr. Suhr announced that General Sir Brinn, Robertson, the British Military Governor, Continued on Page 5)

EDITORIAL

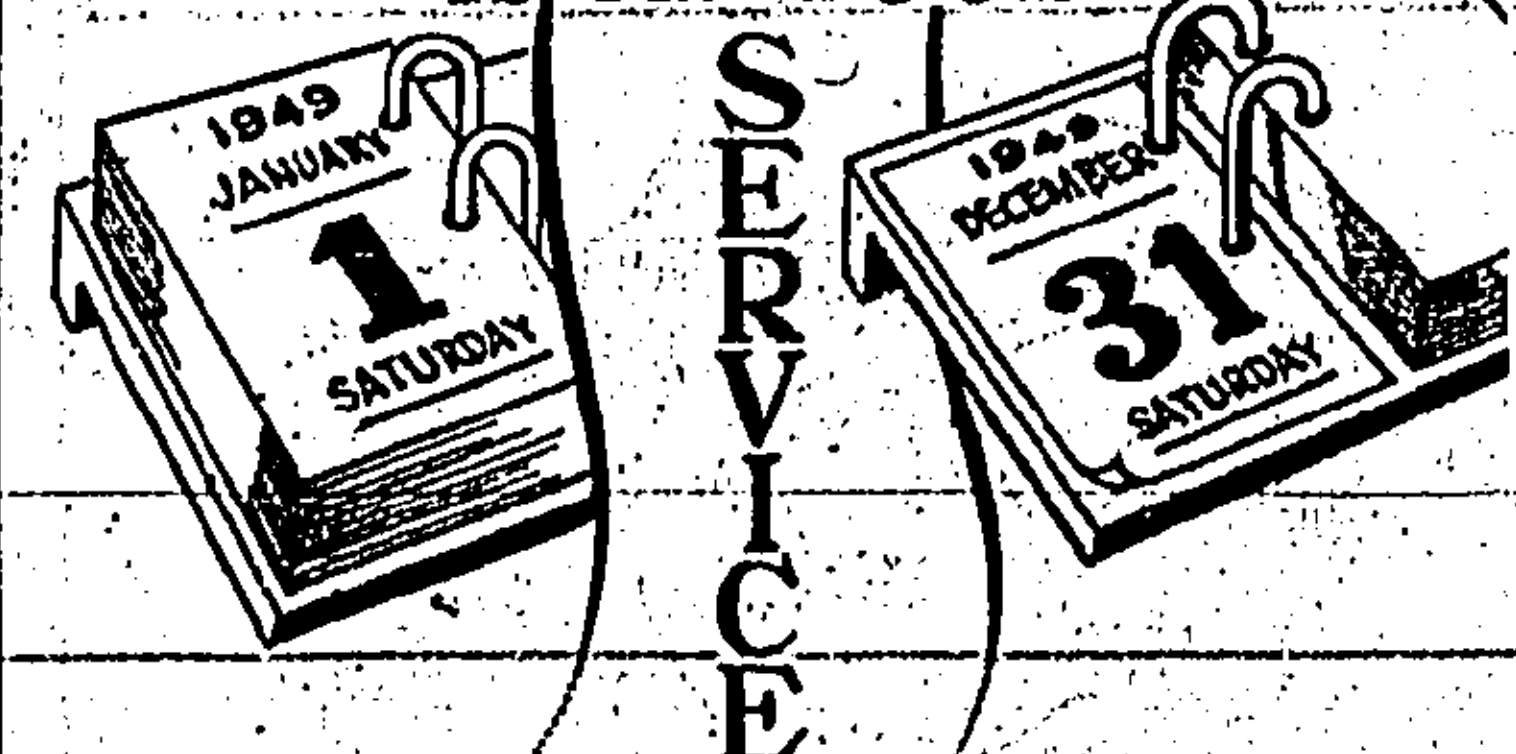
Town Planning For H.K.

NEARLY 18 months have passed since Sir Patrick Abercrombie, one of Britain's greatest experts on town planning, came to Hongkong to study the Colony's needs for development and to report thereon. We believe Government has had in its possession for some time Sir Patrick's preliminary report, but for reasons not obvious, or easy to explain, that report has been withheld from the public. We cannot understand why. Surely it doesn't come into the "secret" class of communication so zealously guarded by the Authorities, and there is certainly no denying that the subject is of great public interest. It is fully understood that Sir Patrick Abercrombie's preliminary observations are tentative and represent only a basis for a complete and detailed development plan, but the project would suffer nothing if Sir Patrick's ideas could be made available for digestion and comment by the general public. Moreover, it would be helpful to know just how seriously Government regards a town planning scheme for Hongkong; whether it really includes any such development in its long-term policies, and how quickly it is prepared to act to fill in the outline picture as drawn by Sir Patrick Abercrombie. A comprehensive development plan must require at least three years' work by an expert adviser and his staff, and while it is believed such an expert, sent by the Colonial Office, has been in the Colony several weeks, there are no signs that he has been given an opportunity to start on his important project. It would appear that the first need is for the provision of legal powers incorporated in a Town and Country Planning Ordinance, based on the English 1947 Planning Act. If this is taken as a guide, it will enable the Governor to call for planning surveys to be made of every

aspect of the Colony's life, and for the results to be analysed and published in report form. The 1947 Planning Act makes it essential that every opportunity shall be given before and after submission of the report for any competent individuals or bodies to make representations and to be heard before any plan is approved. Another important provision is that the plan must be reviewed every five years, and amended if future events so require. One question which immediately arises when a Hongkong development scheme is mentioned is over what period should Government and its expert advisers plan. One suggestion has been made that it should cover a total period of 50 years in five yearly stages and it is probably on this basis that it will be found necessary to make recommendations. To bring the Colony up to date according to accepted modern town planning standards is a tremendous task and must make a sharp impact on interests, both public and private. For this reason alone it is a prerequisite that any development plan should be fully studied and debated by the community as well as its officials and their experts, but this is rendered impossible unless and until Government releases for general information the preliminary recommendations of Sir Patrick Abercrombie, and at subsequent stages keeps the public informed as to further suggestions made by its advisers. Officialdom loses no opportunity in these days to reiterate its confidence in the future of Hongkong, and surely the most appropriate action that would add substance to the conviction is an early announcement that it is intended to proceed with a town planning scheme, and to publish Sir Patrick Abercrombie's vision of how such a plan could materialise.

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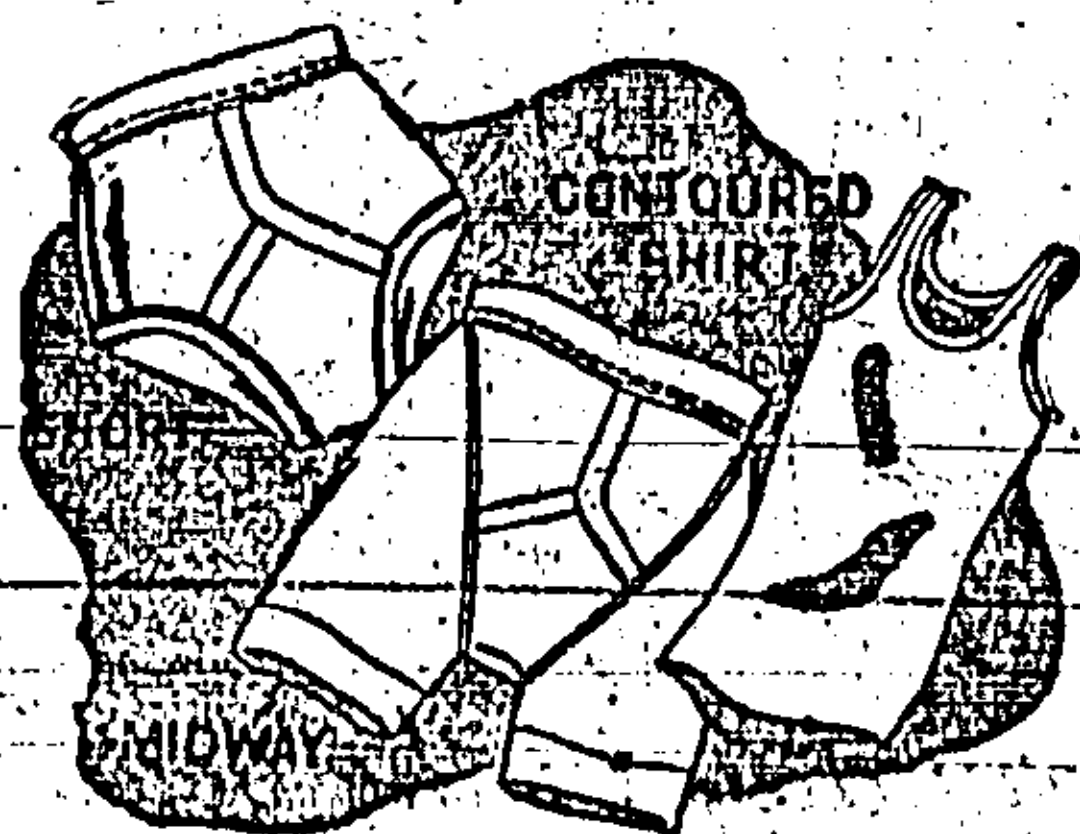
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Helpful Decorating Ideas

By ELEANOR ROSS.

PILED up nicely for use today, is a batch of interesting suggestions culled from various room display shows.

One friend tells of a fine job she worked out for a studio couch bed on which a convenient would have to spend long hours. To make it comfy for reading, a heavy, pillow-size piece of plywood was hinged like a drop leaf table to a sturdy bedside shelf which held books, a radio, clock, a bell and other necessary items. A strong wooden arm was attached underneath so the rest could be pulled out and placed at a comfortable angle. Nicely upholstered with foam rubber, cut to fit with leatherette tacked over with coloured tape for a neat finish, here was real comfort at a reasonable outlay. The patient felt much less confined than in bed, more apart of the house hold, and at the same time had comfort and the necessary rest.

New Benches

Another reader who uses her dinette a great deal, had some new benches made. The benches were hinged and open, and there she has a fine place for storage. In fact, they are receptacles for the children's toys. She likes to tangle things about and to make things easier, she had which fitted to a sturdy step stool and also to her new aluminium ironing board. Makes things easier all around, she says.

If there isn't sufficient paper to do the interior of the bedroom closet you can cut out appliques to adorn the closet wall and border the mirror on the back of the closet door with a band of the paper. It tied up beautifully with the room, especially when she used cut-outs for a waste basket, lampshades and screens. Brighten up the room, treated to some wallpaper appliques, and a floral border will do things for that kitchen window. But do save out some paper for possible repairs.

Fine Idea

There is a fine idea for curtaining a bedroom window. The decorator had used beautiful ruffled Priscilla curtains of nylon in a clever arrangement. The curtains wash in a known jiffy, and are very durable. Such attributes offset the price we think, and make the curtains an investment.

There's The Vogue For Summer Furs

IN the United Kingdom, the vogue for summer furs is developing rapidly. The introduction of stoles probably accentuated it, but furs are now also using light-weight soft fur like ermine and squirrel for loose capes and ensembles which can be worn over the most fragile dress without any danger of crushing it. We may in fact look back on 1949 as when the revival of the stole was, in a way, influenced on the fashion of the moment.

A stole needs to be gracefully draped over the shoulders and unless a woman has found the trick of it, it is not always easy to do this without considerable practice with a magnificent rich fox stole which does not lie flat. On the other hand, a wide soft scarf of mink or ermine or squirrel beautifully entwines the shoulders and not only sets off a delicate dress but accretes a well-coiffed shining head. This, too, gives a designer an opportunity to work with finely shaded skins.

The stole, of course, is not every woman's choice, and the cape is growing in popularity. Here again, stranded skins can be used to perfection with bands of skin forming a border and coming to a point in the centre of the back. But even on the new capes the stole cannot be ignored and more often than not the fronts are finished in this way. But the jacket still remains a competitor to both stole and cape because it needs no management whatever. Women who prefer it will choose the short full jacket designed, perhaps, with a three-fold back and made of carefully chosen, beautifully shaded and worked skins.

Household Hints

If floor wax thickens in the can, put the can in a large container of water, and simmer on the stove until soft.

You can grow your own parsley for garnish in your kitchen. Buy a sprig, cut it in half and sprinkle a few parsley seeds over each half. Keep them moist, and you will have a pretty bit of green in your kitchen window, and fresh parsley for a garnish for your dishes.



DIFFERENT HOURS—Ailyn McLeir, left, musical comedy star, chooses a black moire cocktail dress which features a decollete shawl neckline and draped skirt. Radio actress Ann Summers, right, wears an afternoon dress of grey broadcloth. The bodice is fitted, the skirt flared and an artificial flower graces the waist.

Indispensable closets with space-saving devices

THE same house may be called by some a five-room type, by others a two-bedroom. But to many women it is a five-closet house.

So important is the closet that we doubt that anyone today would dare build a house without one. It could be done by building partitioned cabinets and a series of wall storage units in measurements to fit luggage, sports equipment, linens, cleaning supplies, sewing accessories, clothing and all the rest of it. Sleeping rooms would have one well devoted to storage units. There would be slide-out trunks, shallow drawers, shelves and hanging space.

All this would be possible, but we suspect people are afraid to be without a closet. So you have a closet and you are not planning on building a house. Then enjoy the closet you do have—why just toterate it? Put a ruffle on the shelf edge if you feel like it.

Tiered Racks

If the closet pole seems too short, unload some of its contents on the closet door or try tiered racks. These are good for skirts, jackets and blouses but leave unused space at the bottom of the closet. One tiered rack for skirts consists of a metal frame with clothespins on each of the string of six bars. Hang it over the closet pole or on the door and attach skirts. Fine for evening plastic and the rust-resistant frame is flexible enough to fold compactly if you wish to take it on a trip.

Another rack for skirts is one that folds down somewhat like the clothes rod in a piece of luggage. This one fastens to the door. Pull up the rack, the skirts are flat against the door. The frame is metal, finished in light colours and is 17 inches wide. Fine for skirt wardrobes. When closed, it protrudes about three inches from the door.

Another tiered arrangement holds six blouses in the space one takes on the closet pole. Blouse trees, as they are called, also can be hung on the backs of doors, as shown in the picture. For current six blouses and small closets they are truly space savers.

Newest garment bag is a design with the opening on the

side instead of the end. This is intended for closets with hard-to-reach corners. Back for trousers or skirts that can hang on the closet pole or from a door hook is a wood frame with five slots in which to slide garments. A curved metal bar holds the frame steady on the closet pole or wall hook.

If you know anyone with 40 ties, there is a 14 by 3-inch rack that will hold them. Each tie has its own bar. Not one is hidden under another. The same rack is good for holding belts. Wood frames are available for those who prefer them.

Also for belts is a 12 by 2-inch plastic rack with six pegs reminding one of pegs cowboys hang saddles over. This same rack would be good for shoulder handbags.

Once you have the door in use and the closet pole arranged to keep clothing from gathering wrinkles, take a look at the shelves and floor. If bedding will not fit on the shelf, consider putting it under the bed. The cedar chest shown here, sold easily, it measures 7 1/2 inches high, is 47 inches long and 22 inches wide. The whole is nicely made and is fine for woolens.

Another Suggestion

Another suggestion for bedding or a possibility for papers, and valuables that will not fit any other place is a steel storage chest—complete with lock and key. It will not roll on wheels but might fit under your bed if there is no other place to put it.

The rack may be about two inches high, but with shoes in it, the height is increased. The whole frame is 24 by 32 inches and moves on wheels.

For anyone with overcrowded dresser drawers, a divided tray with compartments for hairpins, nail polish and all manner of small objects that roll around in drawers is suggested.

If, when you are all through rearranging the closet, and find you cannot reach the upper shelf without bringing in the kitchen stool, fasten a two-step folding ladder to the door.

Anything is possible in closets. By all means keep the smallest room in the house wedged out for your own sake. Make it your wardrobe and enjoy it.

A Common Type of Anaemia

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN

ANAEMIA is getting to be quite a popular word with people these days, but only too often they do not know exactly what it means.

Anaemia is a condition in which there is a lessening not only of the amount of colouring matter but usually a reduction in the number of red cells in the blood stream. Since there are a number of different types of anaemia, the type of anaemia must be determined and its cause found, if possible, before any anaemia can be properly treated. Elimination of the cause is important in the treatment. A study of the blood is, of course, helpful in the diagnosis.

The most common types of anaemia are:

- (1) those due to a lack of iron-containing foods in the diet;
- (2) that due to loss of blood from bleeding; and
- (3) anaemia due to infections.

The first condition is commonly known as an iron deficiency anaemia, and is rapidly improved by the administration of iron in some form. It is important that an ample quantity be given. It may be taken in the form of ferrous sulfate, ferrous carbonate, or ferrous ammonium citrate. According to some physicians, no iron preparation has proved superior to ferrous sulfate with regard to economy and efficiency. As a rule, an improvement in the condition is noted within ten days after the iron preparation is started. The amount of colouring matter in the blood gradually increases until it becomes normal.

Unfortunately, many of these iron preparations may have an irritating effect on the lining membrane of the stomach and bowel, producing cramps, sickness at the stomach, and diarrhoea. In many instances, these reactions may be avoided by making sure that the iron is taken promptly after a meal.

Other Minerals

It does not appear that supplementation of the iron with other minerals or vitamins will speed up the absorption and utilization of the iron or increase its effectiveness in the treatment of the anaemia.

However, in many patients with anaemia there has also been a deficiency of other substances in the diet such as vitamins, and, of course, these should be administered, not only to overcome the anaemia but to improve the patient's general condition. Hence, a well-balanced nutritious diet should always be given to patients who have anaemia.

As a rule, it is not necessary to give iron by injection into the muscle, although at times it is quite helpful to give it this way. However, if there is some disorder of the stomach or bowel which interferes with the absorption of iron, it may be necessary to give an injection of whole blood into a vein.

BALLET PRINCESS



The picture of Princess Margaret before leaving for her tour of Italy. Picture shows Princess Margaret, at the Covent Garden Ballet, wearing a brocade crinoline, fringed at the bottom and hem and a white lace jacket.

(London Express Service)

Natural Look for Eyebrows



When plucking your eyebrows, work slowly and remember that every hair counts, says Movie Star Jeff Donnell. Pluck from underside only.

By HELEN FOLLETT

DO you use a little oil or pomade on your eyebrows, or have you tweezed them until there is nothing left? Better put your mind on the matter and let them grow out a bit. Any good-looking specialist, will tell you that natural lines of the forehead, scimitars make for a much more youthful eye than those that have been plucked to death or penciled too much with crayon.

With a normal growth this is the best way to use the eyebrows brush; put a little brilliantine or mineral oil on the brushes. Sweep upward at the inner end, go straight along in the centre, then brush the far end tapers downward. This practice imparts a pleasing contour, much like the picture of a bird in flight.

The brows are designed by nature to protect the eyes and to add beauty and attractiveness to the face and features. It is a pity that they should

ever have been distorted, lifted too high by plucking just along the lower edge, or taking on crazy zigzag patterns. So tweeze carefully and don't overdo it. The eyebrows of one person would not harmonise with the features of another individual; they are as distinctly a part of the face as the eyes, the nose and the mouth, must conform in shape, size and colour to the general outline of the countenance.

The ideal eyebrow is moderately wide in the centre, tapers gracefully to a point at each end, the outer point of course, being sharper. A moderate arch is considered more beautiful than a very high one or the almost straight line that one sees occasionally. A marching line of single hairs, due to the devastating tweezers, gives a woman an insipid, expressionless aspect that is anything but charming.



Let's Eat

BY

IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A Cool Kitchen in Summer

IN spite of the hot day, the Chef looked cool and immaculate in his white coat and high bonnet, as he worked in the taste-test kitchen. The small electric fan, perched on a high shelf opposite the range, was gently purring the hot air out the window, which was open at the top as well as at the bottom, and equipped with a full length screen.

"It's quite cool in here," I remarked, as I slipped the glass of honey lemonade he handed me. "Anything cooking?"

"The whole dinner is in the oven," he said. "I approved. 'Saves fuel and keeps down the heat in the kitchen.'"

Casserole of Lamb

"I have in the oven a casserole of lamb and spring vegetables, some baked potatoes and two puddings," he remarked.

"Two puddings? How surprising!"

"One pudding is a savoury made from spinach to serve as a vegetable. And the other is for dessert. It's one of your favourites—a coconut rice pudding. And I also have in the oven baking a casserole of rhubarb and a pan of our American gingerbread which tastes very good with it."

"That's certainly making full use of oven heat."

"And it means also a cooler kitchen tomorrow. As you see, I am doing some cooking in advance. It will, then, save the rush," he chuckled.

"That's right. The more calm and collected you feel when you work, the cooler you keep," I agreed.

Fewer Dishes

"Besides, several of these foods can be served in the dishes in which they are cooked, so that means fewer dishes to wash. And Madame, I have a theory that many homemakers stay too long in the kitchen and get overheated because they have so many unnecessary dishes to wash, and because they keep their hands constantly in the hot dish water while they do it. This raises their temperature and also their temper. It also gives them, what you call dish-pans hands that are not attractive."

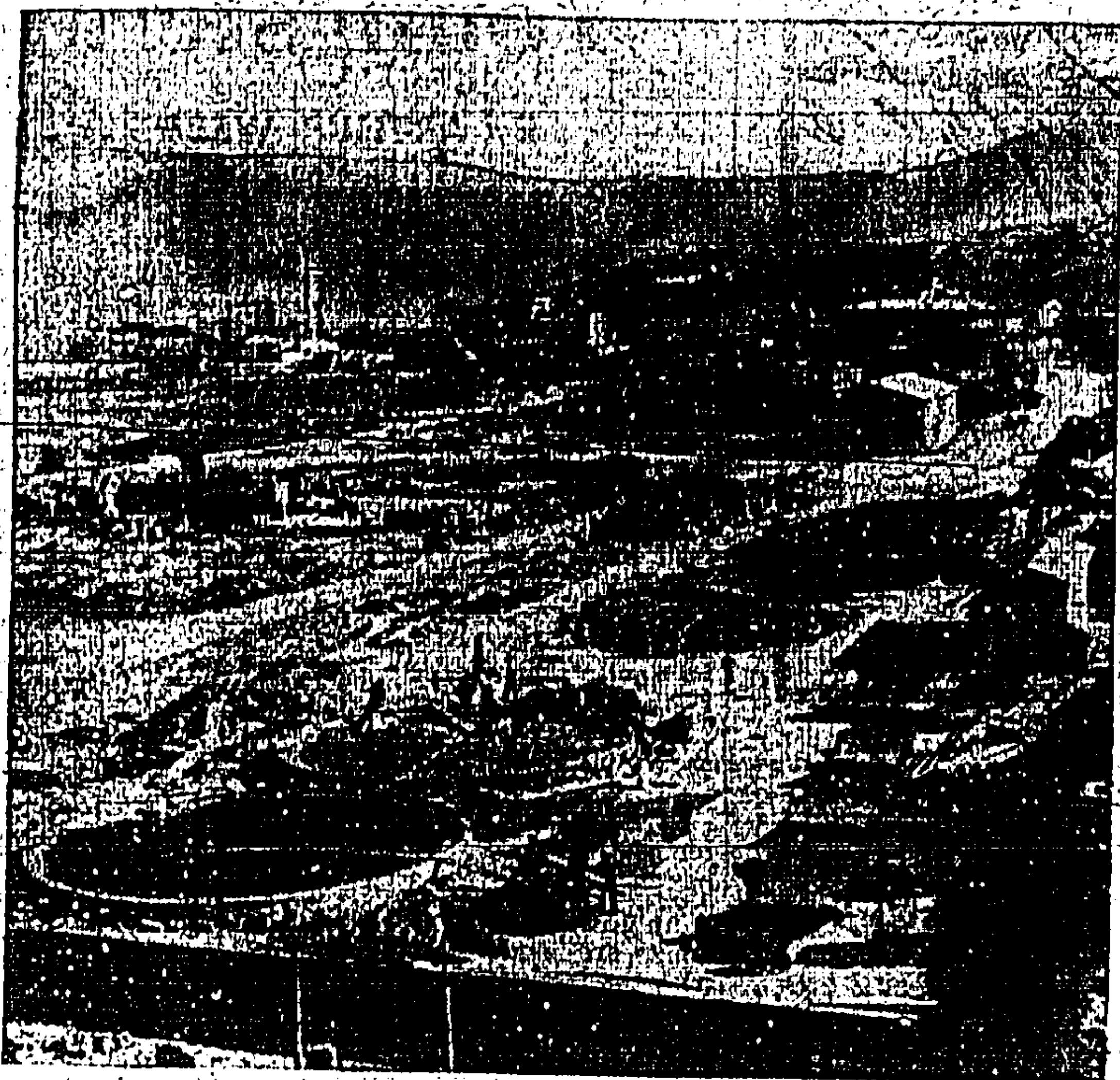
"But there's a remedy. Chef, I always wash dishes with a dish mop, or a handle long enough so the hands do not touch the dish water. Most homemakers do not realise that if the hands can be kept clean, it is not hot, it is clean."

"That's properly done. The dishes should be washed in a dish drainer and sealed with a wet cloth of boiling water. As we have in the kitchen a clean dish towel," he added, "and let me touch to the garden maid."

"Trick Of The Chef," said the garden maid, "I'll wash the dishes for you. I'll wash the dishes for you. I'll wash the dishes for you."

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



AIDED BY ECA FUNDS—Reconstruction activities have been speeded up at this refinery in Trieste, under a \$4,000,000 ECA grant. Before the war, the refinery supplied Italy with 60 percent of its lubricating oils. It will soon be supplying Austria, Germany and Italy again.



FAIR-FROM HOME—These four Grecian beauties and members of an Evzone guard-of honour were in New York to lead the Greek Independence Day parade. While visiting the city, they were shown its most interesting sights, including the famed skyline.



GETTING AROUND—Winston Churchill, accompanied by his wife, recently spent some time in Washington, DC, where they were guests of President and Mrs. Truman. Here Churchill speaks for radio and newsreel correspondents.



ALL IN—The Jewish Purim holiday brought a carnival spirit to Tel-Aviv this year because peace was in sight. But this youngster found the merrymaking too tiresome and managed to slip away from some of it in spirit—if not in body.



COTTON MAID—Suzanne Howell, in San Francisco, is 1949's Maid of Cotton. She's all set for a day in the sun in this faded blue denim ensemble. The casual, belted jacket matches the tailored, pedal-pushers and cap.



EQUALS RECORD—Coaltown, with jockey Oyle Scurlock up, equals the world's record for the mile-and-a-quarter in Hallandale, Florida. The record was made 10 years ago in England by Brighton II, and equalled last year in California by Shannon II. Time: 1:59.4/5.



ROOT OF ALL EVIL—When the Western Powers banned the Russian mark as legal tender in their sectors of Berlin, this German housewife queued up with the others for the exchange.



NEAR MISS—Lee Ona, left, of Detroit, is brushed by a right throw by Cuba's Omelio Agrazante in a heavyweight fight-rounder in New York's Madison Square Garden. Ona, making a complete, extended his victory, at last to all, with unanimous decision.



SMOOTHING THINGS OVER—Army engineers work on the construction of a second runway at Regel Airport in the French sector of Berlin. The 8,000-foot strip will be the first of Berlin's three, always capable of handling huge C-97 cargo planes. A C-54 plane flies overhead in the background.



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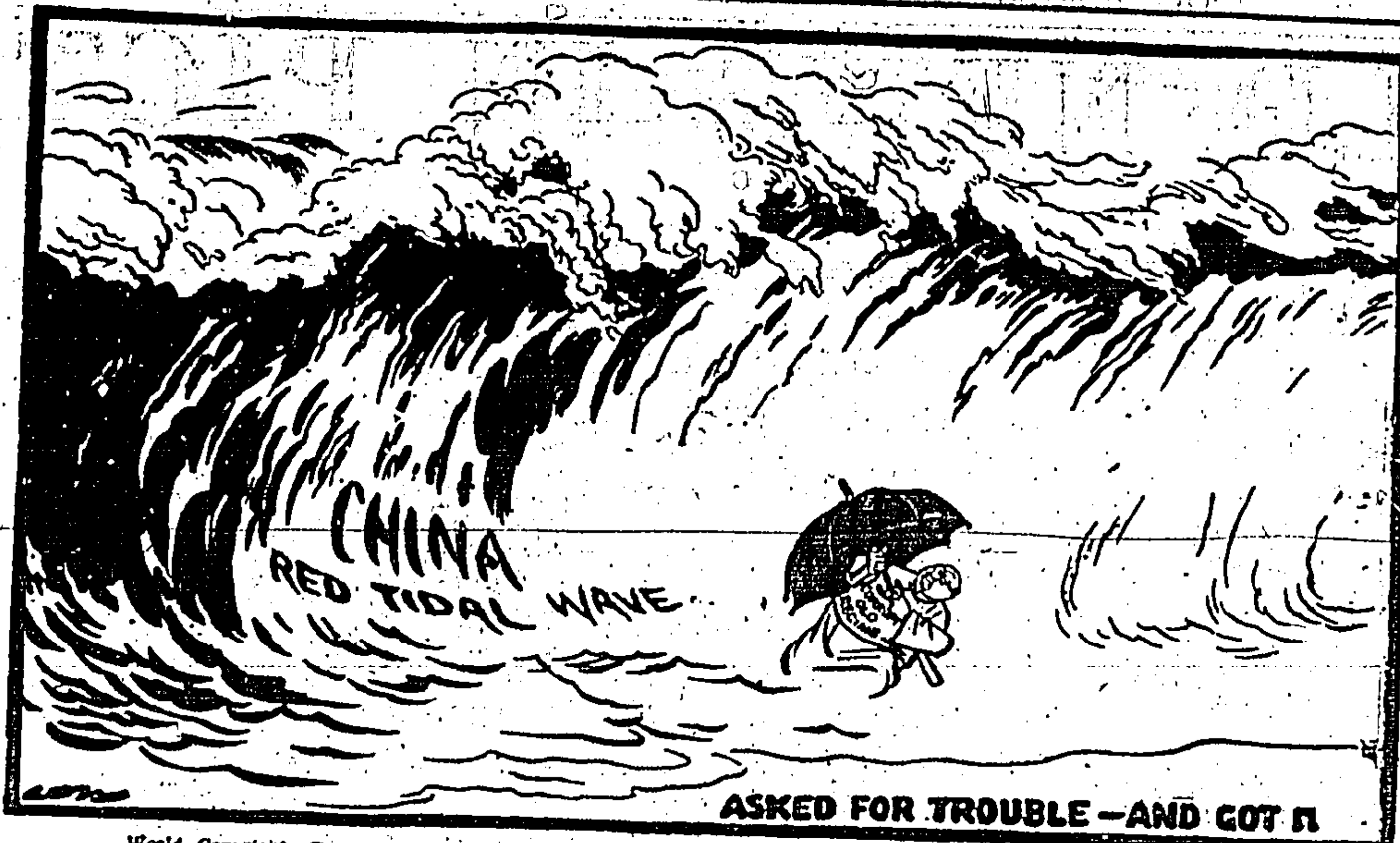
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Sitting on the Fence.... by

NATHANIEL GUBBINS

"WELL, cor stuff me with dried eggs," said the Sweep, "if that don't take the Untley and Palmer."

"What do?"

"Why, cor, strike a light," said the Sweep, "according to the papers them there little old Russians ave taken to playin snakes and ladders now."

"Well, I said, 'Not the ordinary kind of game, mind you.'"

"No."

"This ere game in Russia's all political, as you might suppose."

"Certainly."

"When you git your counter on the face of little old Churchill you come sliding down the biggest snake on the board."

"I see."

"And if you slide down some of the smaller snakes you ave got your counter on an American film or a BBC broadcast, if you foller my meanin'."

"I foller."

"And I suppose if you git it on little old Joe Stalin's dial you go right up the longest ladder into the Kremlin and a soft job for life."

"I daresay."

"Cor, luvaduck, it shows you what goes on, don't it?"

"It certainly do."

"I always thought little old Hitler was balmy, but he wasn't as balmy as that."

"Not quite."

"All the same, you've got to make allowances for these ere little old Russians."

"Ave I?"

"Communism don't give you brains overnight."

"Don't it?"

"And when you're dealin with people-what ave about as much brains as the cows in the field, you've got to show them somethink simple."

"I suppose you ave."

"Like kids in the kindergarten playin with their bricks."

"That's right."

"And, besides," said the Sweep, "if you didn't give them somethink easy to understand, like political snakes and ladders, ow would they know all about the benefits of Communism?"

"Ow, indeed?"

"You wouldn't like to think of them livin in paradise without knowin it?"

"Certainly not."

"Because, after all, you might be livin in a paradise yourself without knowin it."

"Might I?"

"If you was to play a game which took you from the likeness of little old Nya Even up the longest ladder straight into a free orspital you might not make such a moan-and a groan about your income tax."

"Perhaps not."

"The skin off your nose," said the Sweep,

"The skin off your'n."

Letter from a sow

DEAR SIR,

As one of your constant readers, may I intrude on your valuable space to voice a protest on behalf of cattle and pigs generally?

Since rationing, the meat hunger of the British people has manifested itself in many ways.

The newspapers, sure reflectors of public appetites, are full of news of meat. Phrases like "beef on the hoof" and "pork in the pot" are frequently in the columns of the Press, that it is difficult to shut one's eyes to a mental picture of starving reporters and sub-editors dribbling at the jaws as they write.

There have also been many detailed reports of the slaughter of horses for food, not told with the horror and indignation proper to a horse-loving people, but with thinly disguised relish. Maybe the British people are fonder of horses than was at first supposed.

Answering a question in the House of Commons about "home-grown" beef recently, Dr. Edith Summerskill, of the Ministry of Food, said: "From conception-to-plate takes four years."

Although we live in hard and even desperate times, is this an excuse for British womanhood to use such a hurtful phrase? So far as pigs are concerned, a hurtful phrase constantly recurring is "the quickest grown meat is pig meat."

I think you are aware, sir, that pigs face their inevitable doom with a steady eye, fully conscious of their duty to the public and the part they are playing in national recovery. But has it ever occurred to those who carelessly utter and print such phrases that our children grow up rapidly, "take notice" at an early age, and soon ask awkward questions?

Although we are resigned to our fate, no mother is resigned to the fate of her children, or to the sight of her piglets in tears.

Hoping your wife and family are well.

Yours faithfully,

A Sow.

Dialling TUM

"Hullo. Is that my stomach?"

"Your stomach speaking."

"I have some great news for you."

"Oh?"

"You can retire."

"Retire?"

"You can give up work, give up dealing with things, coming down, 'give' up whining for regular meals."

"Are you quite well?"

"Quite."

"If I didn't happen to be in the best position to know you are on the Cripps austerity wagon, I would be suspicious. You haven't taken to drugs through the blood stream?"

"No."

"Then will you kindly explain yourself?"

"With pleasure. A man in Sydney, Australia, has had his stomach removed and has walked out of hospital, perfectly fit."

"Without his stomach?"

"That's what I said."

"Somebody has been pulling your leg."

"The report says: 'The surgeons cut a hole in his chest by

removing a rib and took out his stomach."

"What did they do with it?"

"Threw it away, I suppose."

"Where?"

"How should I know... Hullo, hullo, are you there?"

"Who deals with his food?"

"A lower part of his body."

"You are very refined... I suppose you're aware that this lower part of the body is not big enough to deal with food?"

"He eats small quantities of food every two hours. Instead of three full meals a day."

"What about drinks?"

"The report doesn't mention drinks."

"I don't suppose he's allowed any."

"If I had you removed I'd have a marvellous time."

"How do you mean?"

"I would have aperitifs before every small meal every two hours. It would suit me fine."

"You're not thinking of doing anything foolish are you?"

"I've grown very tired of your grumbles lately."

"We're all inclined to grumble a bit these days, aren't we?"

"It's time you realised that nobody is indispensable, not even a stomach."

"Think of all the eggs coming into the country just now; I'm looking forward to those."

"You may never have one."

"And milk? Of the ration, I like whisky and milk."

"Perhaps you'd like to pay for it."

"You'll give this matter careful thought before doing anything drastic?"

"One more moan out of you and you will be removed. Understand?"

"Yes."

"Good-bye to you."

"Good-bye."

(London Express Service)

The U.S.—By 34 Youngsters

By ARTHUR WEBB

FOR ten weeks 34 teen-age students from 17 European countries, including wartime Allies, enemies and neutrals, have been touring the United States, living in American homes and going to American schools.

What do they think of the land of the G I, the source of Marshall Aid? Here are their impressions, given at a New York Herald Tribune forum held in New York before they left for home.

WAY OF LIFE

A DANISH BOY: American parents and children do not have the common interests that we have at home.

An Irish boy: American homes are overheated. I miss the fresh Irish air.

A German girl: The wife is boss. But the husband bears his destiny with patience. However, although often there is a wonderful harmony, it seems a sport to get a divorce, regardless of children and everything.

An Irish girl: You have all sorts of household gadgets which make housekeeping so much easier. That is why American women are always well turned-out.

American girls: Americans have such outlandish combinations of food (the sandwiches nearly killed me). They eat too many sweet cakes and often a lot of candy, so eventually they have to go on a diet, eating lettuce like rabbits.

An English girl: We had all heard of the high standard of living in this land of plenty, but little of American poverty and slum areas, and the inadequacy of social benefits.

An Austrian girl: I got a real shock at the racial resentment in the South—and even in Washington.

TEEN-AGERS

A FRENCH girl: They are the only real teen-agers in the world. Youth in Europe has gone through too much and we cannot have the fun that they have.

A German girl: American parents give their children too much freedom. They do not seem to mind if 14-year-olds start smoking. They let their daughters start painting their faces at 14, and do not mind if they look like devils.

An English girl: High-school students do not know much federation.

THE conclusion of all thirty-four visitors:

We want to establish an entirely new international organization of Youth for the promotion and maintenance of world peace, consisting of unselfish people who put the good of the entire community before their individual interests.

We furthermore declare our ultimate aims to be a world federation.

Stage-door Johnnies Have Vanished

BY JOHN ROSENBERG

NEW YORK.—Mink coats, diamond bracelets and cozy love nests are no longer standard gifts for Broadway's show girls, for the stage-door Johnnies, or "sugar daddies," have disappeared.

A poll of Broadway beauties indicated that they may never return—and never be missed.

Candy Montgomery, a blond blue-eyed beauty who is representative of the '82 or '90 show girls now appearing in The Street's 10 musicals, said the girls were "too busy" even to think about a Johnny.

She denied that the show girl of today had lost anything in the way of allure.

"Actually," she said, "the show girl of today are more beautiful than ever. We have better measurements than the oldsters and never use artificial supports to accentuate our figures."

Even from the rear balcony of the Imperial Theatre where Miss Montgomery is appearing in the hit revue, "Along With You," it would be obvious that she was remarkably well prepared to back her claim. She meets the minimum show girl requirements admirably, measuring 30 about the appropriate regions and standing 5 ft. 9 in. in her mesh nylons.

"The girls of today are more talented and intelligent than they used to be," Miss Montgomery added. "They all dance and sing and many have college degrees."

Actually, the last noteworthy appearance of the Johnnies was in the early 1940s, when a handful of millionaire bachelors backed a sumptuous Broadway night club and installed their

favourite cuties in "the line." However, until recently, a few still remained a part of the theatrical scene.

The most famous "patron of the arts," as the Johnnies called themselves, was Jim Brady, a gentleman who liked two pound steaks, surrounded by a handful of chopp at mealtime, Brady, strictly an

orange juice man, became so enamored of Lillian Russell that he drank champagne from her slipper in public to demonstrate his ardour.

Bold Lilly Langtry, who once poured water down the back of a king's neck, was another stage figure who inflamed the imagination of the Johnnies.

One of her admirers was Judge Roy Bean, dispenser of law. "West of the Pecos," his named a Texas town after Miss Langtry and christened his studying, she said.

free time to them. Also, interesting in a musical today is pretty expensive. A show that once cost \$10,000 to stage would mean an outlay of \$150,000 today.

Miss Montgomery said the average show girl's schedule runs like this:

6 to 8 p.m.—dinner, 8 p.m. to midnight—evening performance, midnight to 2 a.m.—supper, 2 a.m. to 4 p.m.—sleep.

The after-noon hours are usually spent shopping, modelling for

NANCY

Past, Present—Future?

By Ernie Bushmiller

REPORT CARD

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU GET SUCH POOR MARKS IN HISTORY

NATURALLY...

WHEN I WAS A CHILD I WAS VERY GOOD AT HISTORY

THERE WAS A LOT LESS OF IT THEN

When there's bif I needn't use my fid!

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HONGKONG

Hongkong Hotel Appeal Against Conviction

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fact, the information was so used. The information given by Mr. Ehrlich, no far from incriminating him, completely established his innocence.

The Chief Justice: What have these events of September got to do with this case? Mr. Potter replied by saying that on September 4 a further demand was made by the hotel inspector and two policemen in plain clothes.

UNDER ORDERS
"I don't think that in this case you can blame the Police officers; they were acting under orders. The hotel inspector was sent again to demand information from Mr. Ehrlich and was accompanied by two plain-clothes policemen. What authority, what right, had Mr. Ehrlich or any other authority in the Hongkong Government, to bring into the case two plain-clothes policemen? Mr. Potter went there to explain the law to Mr. Ehrlich. It is novel to me, it may not be to your Lordships, for a plain-clothes police officer to be called for the purpose of advising a man already charged with an offence, on the law. It is a matter which I think should be deprecated," said Counsel.

Dealing with the actual proceedings at Central Court, Mr. Potter said that Mr. Sheldon had quoted numerous authorities to support his submission that the Crown had made out no case at all. In spite of these authorities, which were not answered by the Crown except that Crown Counsel had quoted one authority, namely the Oxford Dictionary, on the question, which was with us to the position of an inn-keeper vis-a-vis his guests. That was the only authority quoted and in spite of the transparently clear position in law, the Magistrate found the defendants guilty and had delivered a 34-page written judgment which, said Mr. Potter, he would describe as a magnum opus.

NO EVIDENCE

"We say that the judgment was in point of fact wholly erroneous," said Mr. Potter, who added that there was no evidence on which the Magistrate would find what he did. We are as much in a position as we were then as to what is the law. We say that a certain Dr and Mrs Davis were travellers when they booked at the Hongkong Hotel."

Mr. Hooton interposed to say that it was not a question of whether but that of a transgression.

Mr. Potter said that he would submit that traveller and transient were the same. "Transient, I take it, is a person who passes through, that is, he is here today and gone tomorrow," he said, "and the meaning in hotel parlance at all. Another point we challenge in the Magistrate's decision is his ruling that under this section no guilty intent was necessary. That is wrong."

POST-WAR PROBLEM

Dealing with the facts of the case which, Counsel remarked, were not disputed, he said that after the Japanese surrender one of the greatest problems which the Hongkong Government was confronted with was the provision of housing not only for persons permanently resident in Hongkong but for persons who were transients or travellers. In dealing with this problem, the Hongkong Hotel and for that matter all hotels in Hongkong played a very large part, and Barry himself played a prominent part in his dealings with the authorities and with the Quarters Authority in regard to accommodation and charges. There was never any rates for rooms fixed by regulation or law, said Counsel, and only a "gentleman's agreement" in this regard existed.

"Throughout the material times of the case, the only rates in force were those of the 'gentleman's agreement,'" Mr. Potter continued. The agreement was that for persons who were treated by the Hongkong Hotel management as permanent guests and who had an entirely neutral view as to rates, chargeable for \$10 a day for smaller rooms and \$24 a day for larger rooms subject, so far as transients were concerned, to an increase of 20-50 percent according to the location of the rooms and special services required.

Quoting an example, Counsel said a person who was occupying a permanent guest room for \$24 a day might require a private telephone, and in that case an extra charge of \$1 a day would be made, and the books of the hotel would show that the guest was paying \$25 a day. In the case of a transient who was occupying a room at \$20 a day and required to use the room as an office, for instance, the charge might be \$40 a day.

COUNSEL'S SUBMISSION

"It is my submission that a transient is equivalent to a traveller, that is, the view was not a permanent one, and that in

the view the learned Magistrate took. It is clear beyond the ordinary rules of common law governing the position of an inn-keeper that there was no legal obligation on the Hotel Company to take in any particular person or persons of any particular status. Your Lordships will appreciate that I have said legal obligation. Furthermore there was no legal obligation to give preference to Government servants. It was understood that we would do so as far as we could. The hotel had always done so and until these unhappy and entirely misconceived proceedings have not had the slightest difficulty with any Government official, Quarters Authority or otherwise.

Coming now to actual facts of greater importance, I say at once that Dr and Mrs Davis applied for accommodation in the Hongkong Hotel. I will make the position quite clear when I read the whole of the evidence of Dr and Mrs Davis. I say at once that Dr and Mrs Davis were at that time permanent residents of Hongkong. They were Government servants and this seemed to have had the greatest effect on Mr. Ehrlich's mind in deciding to start these proceedings. The Crown submits in its argument and evidence that the whole of the Crown case turns on the true position of Dr and Mrs Davis. I entirely disagree. Subject to the moment for me to say that we have clearly established in fact and in law that Dr and Mrs Davis are transients or travellers, call them what you will.

INTERESTING LETTER

"The fact of some importance that in April, 1948, Mr. Eardley was acting as Quarters Authority. On May 20, 1948, he was the manager of the Peninsula Hotel, was moved from that hotel to the Hongkong Hotel as from June 1."

On May 30, said Counsel, Ehrlich wrote an interesting letter to Mr. Eardley, informing him of his transfer and that his place was being taken by Mr. Gaddi who would be pleased to afford the Quarters Authority the utmost co-operation, and adding that he (Ehrlich) in his new position would continue to assist him in his assistance. On June 3, Mr. Eardley replied, thanking Ehrlich for his letter, the assurance of Mr. Gaddi's co-operation, and expressing his appreciation of Ehrlich's offer of further assistance in his new position. Under cross-examination, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Eardley had admitted that he considered Ehrlich's letter to a perfectly genuine one, Counsel remarked. It was rather remarkable, he added, that when any question arose as to the propriety of the Crown's case, Mr. Eardley had first made from Ehrlich who had always given him co-operation, to the Quarters Authority.

Counsel said that Mr. Hooton had asked why the Crown should make any enquiries "from robbers." "We resent that remark," Mr. Potter said. "Had they written us a decent letter they would have had an explanation and these unhappy proceedings would never have taken place."

INFORMATION SOUGHT

On June 4, just after Ehrlich had taken over the management of the Hongkong Hotel, Mr. Eardley, acting on instructions from the Colonial Secretary, sent a letter to 91 hotels in Hongkong asking for information regarding the number of rooms each hotel contained, the rates charged per room and the number of guests in each room, etc. Mr. Eardley claimed he wanted that information to enable him to carry out the direction of the Colonial Secretary to fix rates for these establishments.

Barry, not being aware of what exactly it was that Mr. Eardley required, asked Ehrlich to clarify the position. Ehrlich then went to interview Mr. Eardley and the whole position was discussed. It was explained to the Quarters Authority what transient guests were charged. Ehrlich asked whether it would be all right for him to mention this in his reply to the Quarters Authority's enquiry, and he was assured it was. Barry thereupon gave Ehrlich instructions to put in the usual rates of \$10 a day for smaller rooms and \$24 a day for larger rooms.

In his respectful submission, said Mr. Potter, it did not matter whether that was sufficient information or not because that was the only information sent and the facts were entirely sufficient from Mr. Eardley's point of view before he issued his revised rates. Mr. Hooton said: "It seemed, put it rather modestly to Mr. Barry a question regarding the plans of the Hotel building, but Barry answered in a perfectly fair manner that there was only one set of plans. The being the case, Counsel remarked, no concern would be too ready to forward them to somebody else with the

risk of losing them, but in fact, extra plans were later prepared and forwarded to the Quarters Authority.

As a result of Barry's instructions, Ehrlich sent in the information to Mr. Eardley. Referring to the letter accompanying the plan, Counsel said it was the information contained therein on which the extraordinary charge had been made against the appellants. The letter read: "Dear Sir, in reply to your letter of the 4th instant, I enclose herewith the bedroom plan of this Hotel showing the charges for daily or transient guests only these rates are subject to an increase of 20-50 percent according to location and special services required." The plan showed the rates chargeable against each room.

REVISED RATES

Mr. Eardley, having obtained the information from the Hongkong Hotel, issued on July 31 his revised rates. Evidently he took a very decided view as to what were the correct rates, Mr. Potter remarked. He took such a decided view that there was such a clamour from the hotels that the Government took the unprecedented step two days later of staying the revised rates, and the Government at once appointed a Committee to consider and investigate the whole question.

Commenting aside from his argument, Mr. Potter said that the Committee eventually gave their view and there was now in force the present Ordinance allocating a certain number of rooms in hotels to Hongkong residents. It is interesting to notice when you come to consider Dr and Mrs Davis that if they had applied under the new Ordinance they could not have got into the Hongkong Hotel. This Hotel has 20 percent of its accommodation reserved for Hongkong residents. The rest of the rooms they call by name at all.

There was an absolute and complete silence between June 14 and August 31. Counsel continued, and Ehrlich was surprised when on August 31 he was served with a summons under regulation 75. Counsel termed that a remarkable document. Ehrlich was summoned for a breach of regulation 75 in that he had made a statement which he had reasonable ground to believe was false.

On September 11, Messrs Deacons wrote a letter to the Crown Solicitor asking for particulars of what the summons meant. The alleged falsity which was the subject of the charge appeared to be that a charge of \$24 a day was shown against room 509 when occupied by a permanent resident, but in fact a charge of \$30 a day was made, said Counsel.

Mr. Eardley, discovering the occupants of room 509 were permanent residents of Hongkong and fully indignant that Government servants should be charged \$30 a day instead of \$24, sent the appropriate papers to the Crown Solicitor and also, presumably gave him the information that Dr and Mrs Davis were permanent residents. The result was the remarkable summons issued against the appellants.

DISTORTED MEANING

"The alleged falsity is that we put down room 509 as chargeable at \$24 a day when in fact the charge was \$30. We say that charged Dr and Mrs Davis \$30 a day and that would not have made the letter in any degree false. All we have set out in the letter to the Quarters Authority was the rates chargeable."

The Crown case appeared to be that the letter was false in material particulars because Dr and Mrs Davis occupied room 509 and in fact paid \$30 a day. Such a meaning, given by the Crown to the letter, was entirely distorted, Counsel remarked.

At the time the letter was sent, neither Barry nor Ehrlich were aware of the existence of Dr and Mrs Davis in the Hongkong Hotel.

Counsel submitted that the Court could not read into the letter the suggestion of the Crown. What was contained in the letter was nothing more than a statement of the rates chargeable. In fact, Counsel pointed out, many of the rooms shown on the plan were occupied by staff members or were vacant.

On September 1, Mr. Lewis, an Inspector of the Quarters Authority's Department, went to Ehrlich and presented him with a document which he was asked to fill with information as to what were the rates being paid for each of the rooms in the Hotel. Had the authorities wanted to issue a summons, they could have done so on that document because it contained every bit of material required to support a summons under regulation 75. Counsel remarked. The appellants' answer would be that the information given was not false but perfectly true. It might be argued that the Hotel were not entitled to charge \$30 a day but they could not accuse the Hotel of telling a lie about it. Had the Hotel sent in a return showing \$24 instead of \$30, that would have been a false return, because that was not in fact correct.

The appeal is proceeding.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Don't be discouraged, dear—it's hard to learn to cook! If I could have learned to cook, I probably never would have got married!"

35 Engines Stand By For Lifting Of Blockade

SOVIET ANNOUNCEMENT

Berlin, May 10.—The Soviet Zonal railway authorities announced tonight that 35 locomotives in "first class condition" were ready for the resumption of rail traffic between Berlin and the West on May 12. Some of the locomotives are stationed at Magdeburg, near the zonal frontier. The others are in Berlin.

United States and British airlift pilots, not impressed by the approaching end of the Berlin blockade, today set a near-record, flying 6,906 tons of airlift supplies into Berlin in 1,017 flights.

The figure has only once been exceeded—on Easter Sunday, when 1,344 sorties brought in 9,993 tons.

Berliners are looking forward to a smooth lifting of the 10-months' old blockade. The Russian and Western efforts for the operation, both issued in the past 24 hours, fully accord with each other, and observers expect any differences of opinion on technical details to be smoothed out.

Western sector shops selling textiles and other luxury goods imported from Western Germany, announced today price reductions of up to 10 percent, while the Soviet Zone Economic Commission announced the de-rating of certain types of clothing, crockery, cycle tyres, furniture and radio sets.

John Logan, chief of the Joint-Export-Import Agency, said in Frankfurt that he believed East-West German trade would "gradually adjust itself" after the blockade ends.

General Lucius D. Clay, the United States Military Governor, said the new developments would not make the Russian area a direct beneficiary of Marshall aid. Trade would be by straight barter, and in the process the East would undoubtedly get some Marshall aid goods.

"Everything will come out all right," he said.

The end of the blockade has knocked the bottom out of Berlin's currency-black market, and will probably put an end to the sale of occupation dollars and pounds—right out of business.

The Soviet-licensed news agency, ADN, said tonight that Western-licensed papers would be allowed to circulate freely in the Soviet Zone if the ban on Soviet-licensed papers in the Western Zones was removed.

Last week the British Military Governor, General Sir Brian

Robertson, said at a press conference that the ban on Soviet papers in the Western Zones would be removed if the Russians took reciprocal action.

AIRLIFT COST

London, May 10.—The Foreign Office said yesterday that the Berlin airlift had cost Britain £5,850,000 up to the end of March.

It announced that Britain was now spending about £200,000 a week on the airlift, Associated Press.

WEST BERLINERS' ULTIMATUM

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and General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor, and Major-General R. J. Nisot, the French Deputy Military Governor, will attend a special meeting of the Western City Council at 9 a.m. local time on Thursday.

Later in the day the three Western Military Governors will meet in Frankfurt to consider acceptance of the Bonn Constitution for Western Germany.

Ex-SS Officer To Go To Prison

Nuremberg, May 10.—Dr Benno Martin, former S. S. officer and one-time Police President of Nuremberg, was today sentenced to three years' imprisonment by a Nuremberg High Court for ordering and expediting the wholesale deportation of 5,000 German Jews to virtually certain death in the East during the last war.

Five others accused in the same trial were acquitted.

Dr Bunche's Warning

Negro Problem More Baffling Than Palestine

New York, May 10.—Dr Ralph J. Bunche, retiring Palestine Mediator, today resumed his post as director of the United Nations Trusteeship Division with a warning that America's Negro problem was "more complex and baffling than the Palestine problem."

Dr Bunche was spending a dinner in his honour given by the American Association for the United Nations.

He declared: "As an American and a Negro I cannot avoid reminding my fellow Americans that all of us who have sincere belief in justice and fair play must contribute to the solution of a problem on our doorstep, which is perhaps more complex and baffling than the Palestine problem, if our own great country is to be enabled fully to live up to the principles of the Charter for which all United Nations are solemnly pledged."

The UN Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, paying tribute to Dr Bunche, said he hoped the great powers would be guided by the example of the successful conciliation in Palestine.

He said: "Let us hope all concerned will not again stray from the United Nations way—the only road to lasting peace—no matter how rough and rocky it may be."—United Press.

Junk Capsizes In Harbour

A sudden gust of wind capsized a passenger junk near the Star Ferry wharf, Kowloon, this morning at about 10.30.

The junk, which carried a crew of four and one passenger, Koo Wing-ling, completely overturned, and its occupants were forced to cling to it until the arrival of a Marine Department launch commanded by Mr. L. Laurence, assistant marine officer.

The survivors, none of whom was injured, were taken to the Water Police Station. The junk was towed to the Water Police pier.

The crew lost all their personal belongings.

Czech Cabinet Ministers Resign

Prague, May 10.—The Czechoslovak Cabinet today accepted the resignation of three members of the Slovak Board of Commissioners.

The three resigning members of the Board—Slovakia's regional Government—were Mihal Chudik (Food), Kazimira Bezek (Transport) and Dr Josef Soltesz (Industry and Commerce). Both Bezek and Soltesz are communists and anti-Communist.

Dr Soltesz will succeed Chudik who has been appointed Chairman of the Regional National Committee of Kosice.

A Communist, Samuel Tkac, replaces Dr Soltesz and Dr Karol Bacilek, another Communist, succeeds Bezek.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 5.01. The Richard Tauber Programme with the Melchior Orchestra and Guest Artist Alfredo Campbell. (BBC75); 6.30. Waltzes Played by Harry Hertz and His Orchestra. (BBC75); 8.15. "English Commercial Theatre" A Play by Gus Coddick (Studio 630); 9.00. "Much Binding in the March" with Richard Murdoch and Kenneth Horne. Dance Orchestra Conducted by Stanley Black. (BBC75); 9.30. "From the Editorials" (London Record 20). British Concert Hall. The Halls Orchestra Conducted by John Hamilton. (BBC75); 10. Patricia Remington. (Studio 630); 10.20. London Studio Melodies. "Sweet Serenade" Peter York and His Concert Orchestra with Paula Green & Steve Conway. (BBC75); 10.30. Edmundo Ros and His Rumba Band. (Radio News Reel. (London Relay); 11.15. Weather Report; 11.30. Summary of News from China; 11.30. Close Down.

NEHRU ANSWERS CRITICS

New Delhi, May 10.—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, today broadcast a long reply to Indian critics of the decisions of the London conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers which enabled Republican India to stay in the Commonwealth.

He told his critics—most of whom belong to the Indian Socialist Party—that he associated himself with those "fateful and historic decisions in the full belief that they were right for India and the world."

"I trust that the Indian people will also view them in that light," he said.

Some critics used strong language about what he had done, and even called it "a great blunder" and "an outrage on the national sentiment" of the Indian people.

During a fairly long career in India's service, he had often been accused of mistakes, but

had never yet been charged with anything against the honour and self-respect of India or her people, he said.

"It is a serious matter, therefore, if even a few persons whose opinions I value should consider that I have committed an outrage."

"I wish to say that nothing has been done in secrecy and that no commitments of any kind limiting our sovereignty or our internal or external policy have been made, whether in the political or administrative sphere."

Dr. Nehru said that much was being done in parts of the

Commonwealth which was "exceedingly distasteful to us and against which we have struggled in the past."

"That is a matter to be dealt with by us as a sovereign nation. Let us not mix up things which should be kept separate."

"Let us not waste our energy at this critical moment in world history over empty debates, but rather let us concentrate on the urgent tasks of today so that India may be great and strong and in a position to play a prominent part in Asia and the world."

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Diplomatic Immunity Issue

Mars Anglo-Israeli Relations

London, May 10.—The Foreign Office today said that the question of diplomatic immunity is delaying the departure of the British representative to Israel.

A spokesman added the question is expected to be settled in a day or two.

Britain has named Mr. A. K. Haim as its representative in Tel-Aviv. Britain has accorded Israel de facto recognition, acknowledging its existence as a state. But Britain has not yet given Israel de jure recognition, which would recognise the government in power.

At issue are the questions of fiscal and jurisdictional immunity applying to the British mission in Tel-Aviv and the Israel mission to London.

LEGAL PROBLEM

The Foreign Office said it would be a grant of fiscal immunity—exemption of the missions from customs duties, taxes and other charges.

But because of the lack of de jure recognition for Israel, the spokesman said a legal problem was involved in jurisdictional immunity which covers protection of mission members from arrest and legal prosecution.

"We are trying to work out a satisfactory answer," the spokesman said. "We have had talks with the Israeli Mission here."

The Israeli mission, headed by Mordecai Eliasi, officially declined comment on its position here.

It is understood, however, to be insisting upon receiving all privileges in London that the Israeli government might give to the British mission in Tel-Aviv.

Police Scuffle With Reds

Vienna, May 10.—Five thousand Communist demonstrators against the government's wage-price policy scuffled twice with the police today and several persons were hurt.

The demonstrators broke through massed police lines once but failed in their second attempt to reach the Federal House of Labour building.

The first scuffle came when Communists surged down Ringstrasse toward the labour building and met 800 policemen standing elbow to elbow and four deep to block the road.

One thousand of the Communists moved on the police and the whole street was covered by a mass of pushing, struggling Austrians, but none used weapons.—United Press.



Recommended By UN Sub-Committee

Lake Success, May 10.—The General Assembly sub-committee today voted to recommend Italian trusteeship for Somaliland. The vote was nine-in-favour, six-against and one abstention. Iraq, Ethiopia, Egypt, India, Poland and the Soviet Union voted against and Australia abstained. The United States, United Kingdom, France, Denmark, Mexico, Chile, Argentina, Brazil and South Africa voted in favour.

The vote on Somaliland carried one step further adoption by the sub-committee of the basic principles underlying the Somaliland proposals submitted earlier for disposal of the former Italian colonies.

Moscow Radio's New Tone

Makes A Plea For Collaboration

Moscow, May 10.—Collaboration between the different economic systems of Soviet Russia, the United States and Britain is not only possible but desirable in the interests of peace, a Moscow Radio commentator said in an English language broadcast today.

"The anti-Hitler coalition of the three Great Powers gave the nations a splendid example of fruitful collaboration between different economic systems during the second world war," he said.

"If two different systems can collaborate in war, the more so they can collaborate in peacetime," he added.

The commentator quoted extracts from a conversation between Premier Joseph Stalin and the former Minnesota Governor, Mr. Harold E. Stassen, in Moscow in 1947, on the peaceful co-existence of different economic systems.

Stalin said the difference between economic systems was not important so far as collaboration was concerned, the commentator said.

"The economic systems in Germany and the United States were alike, and yet war broke out between them."

DIFFERENT SYSTEMS

"The economic system of Soviet Russia and the United States were different, but they did not fight with each other, they collaborated during the war," the commentator added.

The commentator added that where there was no desire to collaborate, even peoples with economic systems which were alike, might fight each other.

"Can the United States and armaments race be regarded as a desire to collaborate on peaceful foundations?" the commentator asked.

"Is it out of a desire to collaborate that the United States is creating military, naval and air bases in the immediate vicinity of the Soviet Union's frontiers? Are such diplomatic actions as the creation of the North Atlantic Pact bloc evidence of the desire to collaborate?"

The United States had turned down Stalin's proposal for a peace pact between the two countries, the commentator added.

The entire policy of the United States, ruling circles has shown the world that for the desire to collaborate they substitute nothing but talk about collaboration.—Reuter.

Bonn Selected As W. German Capital

Bonn, May 10.—The city of Bonn on the Rhine was tonight chosen as the West German capital. The voting by the West German Constituent Assembly here was 33 in favour of Bonn against 29 for Frankfurt.

The exact party composition of the vote was not known as the ballot was secret, but it was believed that almost all the Social Democrats and a few Liberals, as well as two Christian Democrats from Hesse, voted for Frankfurt, while all the other Christian Democrats and Liberals (Catholic Centre and Lower Saxony Federalists) voted for Bonn.

The two Communists in the Constituent Assembly abstained.

The vote was received with stormy applause in the gallery. The University city of Bonn was internationally known as a centre of learning before the two world wars, but 95 percent of the University buildings and the Library were destroyed by bombing in 1944.

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The decision was delayed for hours tonight by a discussion of the Electoral Law. Throughout the day, lobbying went on to swing waverers one way or the other for the selection of Frankfurt or Bonn.

The Bavarian Government will ask the State Parliament to approve the decision.

The German Constitution adopted at Bonn, it was officially announced at Munich today.

The people of Bavaria will be asked today:

1. Whether or not they approve the Constitution.

2. Whether they disapprove, they will recognise it as binding on Bavaria, provided it is accepted by two-thirds of the West German States.

The Government, consisting of members of the Christian Social Union, will recommend to the people that they should vote "no" to the first question and "yes" to the second.

Of the other two major parties in Bavaria, the Social Democrats gave full support to the Bonn Constitution, while the openly separatist "Bavarian Party" not only rejected it but refused to recognise it as binding.—Reuter.

The source said, however, that he was unable to confirm reports that the British reply to the latest Argentine offer would be ready today.—Associated Press.

Verdict Hailed With Cheers

Kington, Jamaica, May 10.—Tumultuous cheering from crowds which were gathered outside the court-house today greeted a "not guilty" verdict against Willie O. Isaacs, one of the leaders of the People's National Party and a member of the Kingston Corporation.

Mr. Isaacs was acquitted on charges of inciting a riot. The magistrate found the case against him had "not removed the level of suspicion into the sphere of moral certainty."

Isaacs was arrested following disturbances last month after which the Governor, Sir John Huggins, banned all street meetings and matches for one month.—Reuter.

He Chased A Soviet Col.



Edward J. Touhey (above), 19-year-old six-foot-four U.S. military policeman, from Howard Beach, N.Y., is being held under observation following battle in plush Imperial Hotel, Vienna, Austria, with at least eight Russian officers. Provost Marshal Col. Willard K. Liebel identified Touhey as man who knocked down the eight officers and chased another around lobby with a chair. — AP Picture.

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Washington, May 10.—Mr. Arthur Hays Sulzberger, Secretary of the National Union of Mineworkers, told a meeting of the Miners' International Federation in Washington that nationalisation of the coal industry in Britain has given the miners "a feeling of security and pride in their work."

He said that the miners now have a new confidence in their industry and that they are doing a job for the nation.—Associated Press.

Britain Building High-Altitude Jet Bomber

London, May 10.—It was disclosed today that Britain was developing its first high-altitude jet bomber designed to carry an atomic bomb.

Neither the Air Ministry nor the Ministry of Supply would discuss the new plane, but a source closely connected with the plane's development supplied some details.

This source said the bomber was designed "to carry a special bomb—the atomic bomb—but, of course, it will be able to carry conventional bombs as well."

This would place the plane in the same size class with the American Superfortress, only bomber known to have carried an atomic bomb. However, the U.S. Navy has claimed to have a smaller carrier-based bomber which can carry the atom bomb.

The source said the new plane would have four jet engines and would be capable of operating in temperatures colder than 70 degrees below zero. That would indicate an extremely high altitude range, or it could indicate that Britain's air designers are thinking of possible bombing routes over the Arctic Zone.

The trend in recent bomber design, however, has been for planes with higher operational altitudes to thwart anti-aircraft fire and give ground-based fighters less time for interception.

The landing carriage and flaps of the bomb bays will be controlled by electricity instead of hydraulic operation. The new bomber will not have conventional landing gear partly because of its "heavy weight" and very fast landing speed and partly because conventional rubber tyres would shatter like glass at the sub-zero temperatures in which the plane would operate.

Aeronautical observers suggested that tractor gear of the type successfully tried by the U.S. Air Force on a ski-like field might be used. The source said special metal alloys would have to be used for the plane's fuselage and skeleton since some basic metals crystallise at certain sub-zero temperatures. Rubber has been ruled out for the same reason.

No estimate of the plane's speed, range or maximum ceiling was available. However, the British jet fighter has



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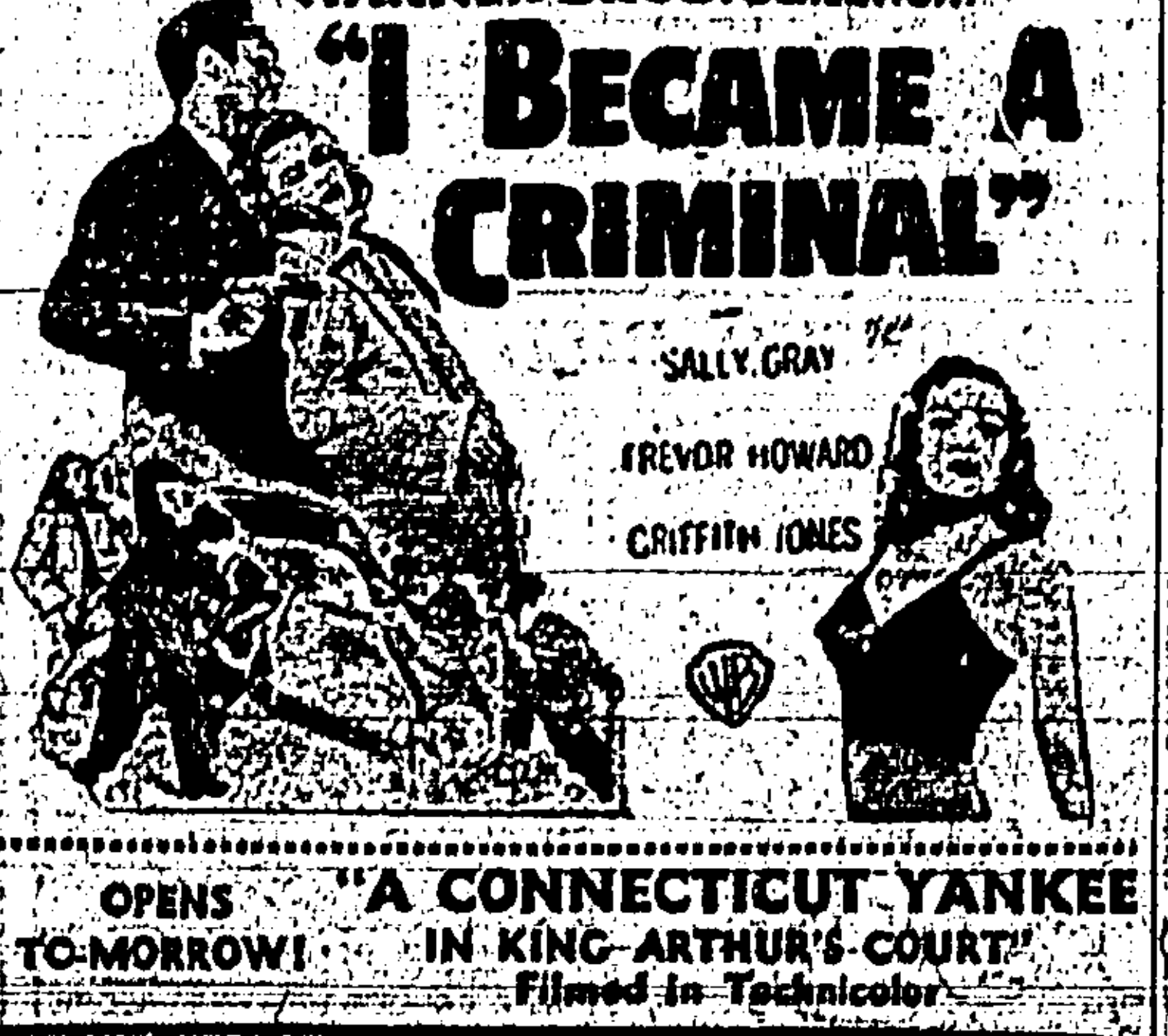


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